

## ABILENE REFLECTOR

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### A WEEK'S NEWS.

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#### WASHINGTON NOTES.

SECRETARY FOLGER recently sent a communication to the collector of Customs at New York, in which he stated that the United States Customs Commission had been informed of an alarming increase in the foot-and-mouth disease among the cattle of Great Britain. Under these circumstances, officers of the customs service would hereafter exercise the strictest care in examining into the sanitary condition of all cattle, sheep, swine and goats imported into the United States.

THE postmaster at New Orleans has notified the Postoffice Department, at Washington, that he had been ordered by the State Court to deliver the mail matter addressed to the New Orleans National Bank, intended for the lottery company, and asked for instructions as to what he should do. He was directed to obey the order until it should be reversed or modified, and to consult with the United States District Attorney at New Orleans.

It is reported that Secretary Folger will not appoint any of the subordinates in the Architect's office to the position vacated by Mr. Hill, but will call to the position some outside man. During Mr. Hill's incumbency he disbursed the vast sum of \$23,500,000 in the erection of public buildings. There was some talk of not appointing an architect to the position, but some business men who have been a professional contractor, as the duties of the office are more similar to that of a contractor than an architect.

THE secret service bureau of the Treasury Department has been informed of the capture at Duluth, Minn., of plates for printing counterfeit ten-dollar silver certificates and ten-dollar notes on the Bank of Montreal.

GENERAL SHERMAN has fixed upon the first of November as the date upon which he will turn over the command to General Sheridan, and practically retire from active life, although he will not be placed on the retired list of the army until the 8th of February.

The following message was sent to President Arthur recently in answer to the President's congratulations upon the opening of the Central and South American Telegraph Company's lines: "The Emperor and Empress of Brazil thank the President and Government of the United States, and in returning their salute concur with them in the assurance that the new channel of direct communication open between the two countries, via Valparaiso and Galveston, will contribute to the maintenance of the happy relations existing between them, and to their mutual benefit."

It is understood that the Secretary of the Navy has approved the action of the Court Martial in the case of Captain F. R. Smith and Lieutenant Daniel F. Davis, both of whom were convicted of gross violations of the navy regulations, and sentenced to dismissal from the service.

It is expected at the Navy Department that Lieutenant Harber, who was sent to Siberia to assist in the Jeannette search, and who was afterwards ordered to bring to America the bodies of Lieutenant De Long, Dr. Ambler and Jerome Collins, will leave Irkutsk about the first of November next, and will reach the United States with the bodies some time in January.

THE resignation of Judge Ray, Chief of the Division of Postal Laws and Regulations of the Postoffice Department, has been tendered to the Postmaster General. The Treasury Department recently purchased 34,000 ounces of fine silver for the Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco mints.

#### THE EAST.

DAVID E. AIKEN, Inspector of Water, in New York, was recently arrested for complicity in frauds in the Water Register's bureau, and indicted for forgery in having altered the book of record.

A late storm did much damage in the New England States, and also upon the lakes.

RICHARD CURRIE, of Boston, Mass., while intoxicated, recently shot his wife. She was twenty-six years old.

The Massachusetts Democratic State Convention renominated General Benjamin F. Butler for Governor, and nominated Frederick O. Prince for Lieutenant Governor; Charles Marks, Secretary of State; C. H. Ingalls, Treasurer; General John W. Cummings, Attorney General, and John Hopkins, Auditor.

A FIRE at Buffalo, N. Y., lately destroyed the Stenberg elevator. The original cost of the building was \$100,000. The grain it contained was valued at \$100,000. The total loss was estimated at \$175,000.

A FIRE originated in Allen & Totman's hardware store at Fairfax, Me., recently, and burned out several firms, causing a loss of \$24,000; partially insured. The heaviest losers were Allen & Totman, \$12,000; insured for \$6,000; Sumner Ashorne, \$2,000; St. Louis Flour company, \$2,000.

JAMES F. FENNEY, who attempted to shoot the British Vice Consul recently, in New York, was examined by the physician at the Tombs, and found to be suffering from melancholia and nervous debility. While not strictly insane, it was found necessary to send him to an asylum.

DURING a recent fire in a Dollar store at Troy, N. Y., there was a gas explosion by which George Burt, a fireman, was fatally injured and a number of firemen had their hands and faces burned.

JOSEPH MEDILL, of the Chicago Tribune, was recently before the Senate Labor Committee, in New York, and testified that he believed the chief cause of the impecunious condition of the wage classes of this country was their own improvidence and lack of thrift. Too many people were trying to get along without work. Those who do toil squander the greater part of their wages in drink and tobacco. Those who have closely examined the subject have stated that the working men spend at least \$400,000 per annum for liquor and nearly \$2,000,000 for cigars and tobacco. The money thus thrown away during the last ten years would have been sufficient to provide a comfortable home for every family in this country. Another great evil, he thought, was the existence of wretched tenement houses.

The Democratic State Convention of New York, nominated Isaac H. Maynard

for Secretary of State; Alfred C. Chapen, Comptroller; Robert A. Maxwell, Treasurer; Dennis O'Brien, Attorney General, and Elanathan Sweet, Engineer and Surveyor.

The Catholic Benevolent Union of the United States, recently in session at Providence, R. I., re-elected A. M. Keeley, ex-Mayor of Richmond, Va., President. The Executive Committee includes J. J. Gilligan, of Grafton, West Virginia; Maurice Cole, of Jeffersonville, Indiana; Darius Dwyer, of Dayton, O. Wheeling was chosen as the place of the next Convention.

#### THE WEST.

Two miners, Patrick Sullivan and John McNeil, were killed the other morning by a cave-in on the Iron Hill Consolidated mines, at Leadville, Colo.

Rev. J. BOYNTON, a prominent Methodist minister, was recently found on the sidewalk in front of his house, at Stanton, Mich., in a dying condition. His trouble was heart disease.

The jail at the little town of Ashville, Ohio, was burned recently, and a prisoner burned to death. He was said to be from the Dayton Soldiers' Home. He had considerable money, and it was thought he was murdered and the building burned to conceal the crime.

LYMAN BLAIR, of the long-established and heavy grain commission firm of Blair & Blair, Chicago, was recently found lying in his room on an upper floor of his residence, dying from a gun-shot wound. He had been accidentally shot while preparing to go gunning, and only lived a few minutes after being found.

Dr. A. B. McKume, a prominent physician and druggist, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was recently shot and instantly killed by Dr. E. D. Cross. He was on his way home to supper when he met Cross, with whom he had for some time been on unfriendly terms. A few angry words passed which resulted in the shooting.

The jewelry store of F. Ralshover, of Detroit, Mich., was recently robbed of \$15,000 by burglars.

SEVERAL heavy failures in New York recently created a financial flurry in Wall Street.

Staten's carriage shop, Hendricks' tenement house and Weaver & Nance's livery stable, at Brazil, Ind., burned recently. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$5,000.

The ceremony of receiving Sitting Bull, the Indian chief, into the Catholic Church was indefinitely postponed, because he would not give up one of his wives.

At Lincoln, Mo., Thomas R. Brassfield was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for seduction.

The Nebraska Republican State Convention, nominated M. B. Reese for Judge of the Supreme Court.

The War in rates on railroads leading out of Chicago culminated the other day in tickets being sold from Chicago to Indianapolis for five cents, and Cincinnati for \$3.55. Tickets to Louisville sold as low as eighty-five cents.

THE National Woolgrowers' Association met at Chicago on the 26th. Vermont, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Texas, Colorado and West Virginia were represented. Hon. Columbus Delano, of Ohio, was elected President. Resolutions passed as the sense of the Association were that the tariff rates on imported wool should, at the earliest opportunity, be restored to what they were before the late reduction; that State, District and County Associations, and woolgrowers in all States, should use every endeavor to secure the efforts of their Representatives and Senators to that end, and that Congress be called on to make a restoration.

NEARLY four hundred veterans attended the recent reunion of Crocker's brigade, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Postmaster General Gresham, General Straight, of Washington, General McArthur and others made short speeches. Governor Sherman, a member of the brigade, made the address of the evening. A dramatic scene was the presentation of the battle flag of the Eleventh Iowa to its old commander, General Saunders, by ex-Confederate General Govan, whose command captured the flag before Atlanta, July 22, 1863. Govan then assured the audience should war again occur the ex-Confederates would be found fighting with the ex-Union soldiers under the old flag.

A FIRE the other evening in the tin shop of Fairbanks' Canning Company, at the stock yards, in Chicago, did considerable damage to a line of valuable machinery on the floors above the tin shop, which were used as the manufactory of butterine. Two hundred barrels of oil were consumed, the liquid running down the narrow gutters in streams of fire. Loss to stock and machinery, \$25,000.

OWEN UTTERBECK, a prominent farmer, of Pike County, Mo., was shot and killed on his farm the other day. Footprints in the cornfield near by were tracked to the house of Wesley Collins, between whom and Utterbeck there was bitter feeling. Collins was arrested.

PATRICK MCCAMBERIDGE, a coal miner, was shot and killed at Edwardsville, Ill., recently, during a row at the Wabash House, from which he was trying to extricate two of his sons.

COLONEL GEORGE KNAPP, senior proprietor of the St. Louis (Mo.) Republic, died on the 18th, on board the steamer Pentland, en route from Europe to New York.

COLONEL FRANK DAVIDSON, late of the firm of Marmaduke, Brown & Co., of St. Louis, succumbed recently at Van Buren, Ark., where he had been editing a paper.

The other morning, near Booneville, Mo., one section of a train containing a circus jumped the track and three cars were overturned. A couple of valuable band wagons were used up, and two brothers named Thomas, who were sleeping in the wagon, were badly hurt. Twelve horses were killed and other stock injured. The estimated loss was nearly \$15,000.

The other afternoon Cephus Atkinson, a wealthy farmer residing near Lafayette, Ind., left home on business, taking his family, except a daughter, eighteen years of age. Upon returning about six o'clock, the family were horrified at finding the body of the young lady lying in a pool of blood in an up-stairs room, with her throat cut from ear to ear, while many knife wounds were found on various parts of her body.

#### THE SOUTH.

Wool was reported as coming in freely, at San Antonio, Tex., and selling at better prices than last spring.

The Colored National Convention, which assembled at Louisville, Ky., on the 24th, after an exciting contest of over four hours, in the attempt to choose a presiding officer, finally elected Fred Douglass.

The steamer Centennial, from St. Louis to New Orleans, recently struck a snag and

sunk some distance above Memphis. She carried a large cargo of freight, including one thousand barrels of flour.

The other night a large section of the wharves, ferry landing and depot of the Texas Pacific Railway, on the west bank of the river, opposite New Orleans, was carried into the river by the caving of the bank. One hundred and fifty feet of a large depot and car-house, with all the offices, desks, furniture, records etc., with an extensive wharf, sunk into the water, and where they stood there was left a depth of seventy feet of water. The car-house was filled with passenger coaches, but when the structure began to sink a locomotive, which was at hand, successfully drew them out. It was thought the whole of the town of Algiers would ultimately be engulfed by the encroachments of the river.

At Henderson, Ky., recently, Henry Holloby undertook to whip his wife, when Henry Pruitt, her step-brother, interfered, and in the melee Pruitt shot Holloby dead. JACOB H. KROVISE, mailing clerk at Roanoke, Va., was recently arrested on the charge of robbing the mails, and confessed his crime. Over \$500 were found on his person.

MONTGOMERY, who last summer murdered Quigley, a railroad contractor at Brackett, Tex., was recently sentenced to ninety-nine years in the penitentiary.

The Republican State Convention of Maryland, nominated Hart B. Holden, of Baltimore County, for Governor; Washington Smith, for Comptroller, and R. S. Matthews, Attorney General.

#### GENERAL.

The cholera has broken out at Pekin, China.

SEBASTIAN HEINE, of Prussia, charged with embezzling \$50,000 marks while at the head of the municipal insurance system of Glogebach, in the early part of August, and absconding therewith, was arrested in St. Louis, recently, at the house of his son-in-law. He freely admitted being the person wanted by the German Government, and stated he lost the money he is charged with embezzling while conveying it to his superior officer.

The clearing-houses reports of the country for the week, ended September 22, showed an average decrease of business of 21.5 per cent., as compared with the corresponding week of last year. New York City showed a decrease of 26.4 per cent., while Memphis, Tenn., increased 5.9 per cent. The gross clearings for the week aggregated \$969,381,162, against \$1,014,732,036 for the corresponding week of last year.

The Vatican has authorized the Catholic bishops, who were expelled from Prussia, to open negotiations with the Prussian Government for a return to their pastorates.

The postmaster at Vidalia, La., has been arrested for robbing registered letters. He confessed his guilt.

WITHIN six weeks after the appearance of yellow fever at Mazatlan, Mexico, eight hundred died. The panic was so great many were buried before death ensued.

THE values of exports of breadstuffs for August, 1883, was \$18,816,129, and for the same month of 1882, \$25,951,290; during the eight months ended August 31, 1883, \$114,255,045, and same time in 1882, \$110,275,898. The exports of dairy products in the last four months increased \$569,215 over same period of last year.

SEVERAL vessels were wrecked off Bermuda during a late storm, and fully fifty lives lost.

It was reported in Boston that lately the harbor of St. Pierre, Martinique, was completely swept by a most violent cyclone. Eighteen vessels were wrecked and only one in port saved.

The International Arbitration and Peace Association, of Paris, has issued an address to the people of France, urging that mediation be resorted to for the settlement of the dispute between France and China. The address suggests America or Switzerland for arbitrator.

It was reported at Dublin that Farnell had been shot at by Orangemen.

#### THE LATEST.

The adjustment of salaries of postmasters of the Presidential classes has just been completed by the Postoffice Department, and the salaries adjusted took effect October. The adjustment affects the salaries of 2,176 postmasters. Forty-four offices have been added to the Presidential list and twenty-five Presidential offices have been reduced to the fourth class, leaving the number of Presidential postoffices on October 1, 1,276, with salaries amounting to \$3,750,000. Every part of the country is included in the readjustment.

The report of failures for the third quarter of 1883, showed a great increase in the number of mercantile disasters as compared with last year. The number of failures in the quarter just closed is 1,883 with liabilities of \$52,000,000, while for the same quarter of 1882 there were only 1,300, with liabilities of \$18,000,000. For the first nine months of 1883 the failures reported numbered 6,540, against 4,897 in the same period last year. Liabilities for the first nine months of the present year, \$118,000,000, as against \$69,000,000 for 1882. In Canada the failures for the nine months of 1883 were over 1,000 in number, as against 537 in 1882.

FRANK R. SHERWIN, a millionaire, and owner of the largest cattle ranges in New Mexico, was arrested in Chicago, recently, on a requisition from New York. In 1873 Sherwin, then a banker in Albany, N. Y., refused to testify against Charles Phelps, a partner in the State Treasury Department, Phelps was afterwards convicted of larceny, forgery and grand larceny, and sentenced to three terms of five years each in the Albany Penitentiary. For refusing to testify six indictments were subsequently found against Sherwin for contempt of court. The prosecution failed at the time and Sherwin entered the stock business in New Mexico. Now evidence was discovered and in 1882, when on a visit East, he was rearrested and gave bonds. Since then his bondsmen have become alarmed and put detectives on his track. When arrested he was on his way East with his family, traveling in princely style, not suspecting that he was wanted.

VICTOR AUGUSTE ISADORE DECHAMP, Cardinal of the Roman Church, Archbishop of Mechlin, and Primate of Belgium, is dead.

NASHVILLE, was recently threatened with a water famine owing to the breaking down of the water works engine. The steamer Colorado laden with freight for Chicago, left Buffalo, N. Y., the other night, and when a quarter of a mile out an explosion occurred with terrible force, carrying away the smoke stack, decks and wood work from the cabin to stern. The vessel will be a total loss. The first and second engineer and fireman and four deck hands were terribly scalded. One man died from his injuries; fifteen were missing.

## KANSAS STATE NEWS.

### Another Railroad Decision.

The Railroad Commissioners have rendered their decision in the case of the Mayor and Council of Beloit against the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads, adverse to the Railroad Companies, in that their charges were too high. The following table gives the former charges and the tariff as fixed by the Board:

NAMES OF ARTICLES.	Rate on the road before decision, over 250 miles from K. C., Mo.		Rate on the road before decision, over 250 miles from K. C., Mo.		the Union & St. Louis & North-Western Lines & K. C., Mo.	
	C. B. Div.	K. P. Div.	C. B. Div.	K. P. Div.	C. B. Div.	K. P. Div.
First Class Merchandise	75c per cwt.	62c per cwt.	75c per cwt.	62c per cwt.	60c per cwt.	48c per cwt.
Second Class Merchandise	72c per cwt.	59c per cwt.	68c per cwt.	55c per cwt.	56c per cwt.	44c per cwt.
Third Class Merchandise	68c per cwt.	55c per cwt.	64c per cwt.	51c per cwt.	52c per cwt.	40c per cwt.
Fourth Class Merchandise	58c per cwt.	45c per cwt.	54c per cwt.	41c per cwt.	42c per cwt.	30c per cwt.
A Class Merchandise	38c per cwt.	25c per cwt.	35c per cwt.	22c per cwt.	28c per cwt.	16c per cwt.
B Class Merchandise	32c per cwt.	19c per cwt.	29c per cwt.	16c per cwt.	24c per cwt.	12c per cwt.
C Class Merchandise	21c per cwt.	12c per cwt.	18c per cwt.	9c per cwt.	16c per cwt.	8c per cwt.
D Class Merchandise	21c per cwt.	12c per cwt.	18c per cwt.	9c per cwt.	16c per cwt.	8c per cwt.
Wheat, Flour, Corn Meal, Flaxseed, etc.	22c per cwt.	12c per cwt.	21c per cwt.	11c per cwt.	17c per cwt.	9c per cwt.
Barley, Oats, Bran and Millstuffs	18c per cwt.	10c per cwt.	17c per cwt.	9c per cwt.	14c per cwt.	7c per cwt.
Cattle and Hogs, 20 Lbs.	\$28 per car.	\$40 per car.	\$28 per car.	\$40 per car.	\$28 per car.	\$28 per car.
Sheep and Calves, 20 Lbs.	\$14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.	\$14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.	\$14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.
Butter	14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.	14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.	14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.
Stalk, Corn and Planter	14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.	14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.	14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.
Hay	30c per car.	30c per car.	30c per car.	30c per car.	30c per car.	30c per car.
Flax pressed in Bales	\$88 per car.	\$49 per car.	\$88 per car.	\$49 per car.	\$88 per car.	\$49 per car.
Horses and Mules	14c per cwt.	12 1/2c per cwt.	14c per car.	\$90 per car.	\$29 per car.	\$29 per car.

\*Flour, 25c.